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Tax Practitioner Conference Provided Practical and Valuable Information to Attendees More than 600 Attend Successful Conference

Los Angeles –Chairman Jerome E. Horton, the Taxation Section of the California State Bar Association, California Society of Enrolled Agents, California Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the Los Angeles County Bar Association hosted the hugely successful 2012 California Tax Practitioner's Conference on May 24, 2012.

"This dynamic tax conference gave California tax practitioners extremely valuable tools that enable them to represent their clients in the most effective and efficient manner," said Chairman Horton. "The educational and networking opportunity positioned tax practitioners and their clients to thrive. Much of the thanks go to our great partners that worked diligently to make this event so successful."

The event brought together more than 600 tax practitioners, business owners, and government agency officials to encourage the free exchange of ideas and information on current issues and best practices for everyone representing California businesses and clients on state and local tax law issues.

Chairman Horton, Vice Chair and Third District Board Member Michelle Steel, First District Board Member Betty T. Yee, and Internal Revenue Service Director of the California Examination Area Small Business/Self-Employed Division Linda Petrillo spoke about emerging tax agency issues of great interest to all.

The lunch keynotes, former Governor Gray Davis and former Mayor and Speaker Willie Brown provided a lively, informative and conversational session focused on the State's economy, tax measures and other topics related to the health and future of the State.

The excess proceeds to the Los Angeles County Bar from the ticket sales to the event were approximately \$25,000 and were contributed to the Los Angeles County Bar Foundation's *Domestic Violence Project*.

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization Legislative Committee chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The State Board of Equalization collects more than \$50 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.